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Transmittal of "Glossary of Operational Terminology"  
to U. S. Armed Forces

1. It is my impression that the "Glossary of Operational Terminology" never was intended to be an official USIB planning paper or glossary of agreed-upon intelligence/operational terms, nor was it to be used for any interagency war planning purposes. It was intended to be and is a CIA training manual. If mutual understanding between CIA and the other U. S. intelligence services will be enhanced by the latter's possession of it for training purposes-- and I think this will be the case--then they should have it.

2. With all due respect to current, high-level discussions on "agreed activities," I recommend that the Glossary be distributed to the U. S. Armed Forces intelligence services (and their schools) as a training paper only, with no other status or purpose, and a statement to this effect could be stamped or imprinted on copies released to the services. I believe we will serve our own ends better by demonstrating our willingness to cooperate even though there may be differences in opinion as well as differences in definition. At the very least, they will know what we mean when we employ our own terminology. If that latter is accurate and appropriate, they quite likely will come to use our terms also.

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